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FOR SEWER UTILITY CUSTOMERS

The Village of Slinger Sewer Utility is implementing a chloride source reduction program. The major contributor of chloride to our wastewater treatment plant is from the homeowner's water softener. The wastewater treatment plant is not designed to remove these chlorides. The salt used in your water softener ultimately ends up in the treated wastewater discharged to the Rubicon River.

Years of discharging chlorides have affected the ground water quality as salt and mineral concentration increase. The groundwater becomes less palatable for human consumption and affects the use of water for agriculture, recreation and commercial uses.

The Village of Slinger Sewer Utility is asking for your continued help in reducing the amount of chloride we discharge into the Rubicon River.

How can you reduce the environmental impact of your water softener?

- Consider using a portable exchange water softener. Water softener companies offer this service. Instead of discharging into the wastewater system, the water softener company picks up the brine tank and the salts can be disposed of under more controlled conditions.
- If purchasing new water softener or replacing an existing water softener choose the more efficient "on-demand" softener. This allows for the softener to recharge when it really needs to, not just when the timer tells it to recharge. An on-demand model tracks how much water is actually used, and regenerates only when needed. With an efficient on-demand softener, you can save on the amount of salt and water being used.
- If your water softener is the older type that regenerates based on a timer, make sure it recharges at the lowest effective rate, and turn it off when you go on vacation.
- Set your water softener for the correct hardness level. Many water softeners have multiple hardness settings but are set at the highest hardness level when they are manufactured. Setting the softener for the proper hardness will save you money on salt and help protect our environment. The proper setting for a water softener in the Village of Slinger Sewer Utility's service area is 26-28 grains of hardness.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Village of Slinger Sewer Utility at 262-644-8015 between the hours of 6:00A.M. – 4:00P.M. Monday through Friday. Thank you for your help in this matter.